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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Marc A Weinberg	, counsel of record or pro se plaintiff, do hereby certify:					
Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, § 3(c) (2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs:						
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

BRYANT ANDREWS

5144 North 15th Street Philadelphia, PA 19141

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CROMEDY CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION

5702 Newton Avenue

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Philadelphia, PA 19120

: Complaint

: NO.

: Civil Action

: Jury of Eight (8) Demanded

INTRODUCTION

This is a claim brought by Plaintiff, BRYANT ANDREWS ("Plaintiff or ANDREWS") against Defendant, CROMEDY CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION ("Defendant or CROMEDY"), for violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 ("FSLA"), as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 201 *et seq.*, the Pennsylvania Wage Payment and Collection Law, Act of 1961, P.L. 637, No. 329, and a retaliation claim under the FLSA and in support thereof states and avers as follows:

PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff, BRYANT ANDREWS (hereinafter "Plaintiff" or "ANDREWS") is an adult individual who resides at 5702 Newton Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19120 and was at all times relevant hereto employed by Defendant, CROMEDY CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION (hereinafter "Defendant or CROMEDY").
- 2. Defendant, Metropolitan, is a corporation, entity or business organization operating at 5702 Newton Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19120, and at all times relevant hereto did business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. Subject matter jurisdiction is appropriate before this Court under Federal Question Jurisdiction and Supplemental Jurisdiction, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331,1337, and 1367.
- 4. Venue is appropriate before this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 (b) as Defendants regularly conduct business within the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and all acts and omissions which are the subject of Plaintiff's Complaint occurred therein.

FACTUAL AVERMENTS

- 5. Plaintiff commenced employment with the Defendant on or about June 2017
- 6. The Plaintiff was hired as a construction worker, but once employment commenced.
- 7. Plaintiff's rate of pay from the date of hire to until February 2018 was \$12.00 per hour.
- 8. Plaintiff properly recorded and reported all of the hours that he worked during his tenure with the Defendant.
- 9. During the week of Thanksgiving 2017 the Plaintiff was not paid for 13.50 hours that he worked, recorded and reported to the Defendant totaling \$162.00.
 - 10. Plaintiff was terminated from his employment in or about February 2018.
- 11. Plaintiff was an hourly employee and was non-exempt as he was a construction worker without any management duties.
- 12. Plaintiff requested payment for the hours that he worked but was not paid, all to no avail.

COUNT I Violation of the FSLA for Unpaid Overtime

- 13. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs as if set more fully at length herein.
- 14. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant engaged in interstate commerce and/or the production of goods for commerce, within the meaning of FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 206(a) and 207(a).
- 15. At all times relevant, the Defendant employed Plaintiff within the meaning of the FLSA.
- 16. The FLSA requires covered employers to compensate covered employees for every hour worked in a workweek. See 29 U.S.C. § 206(b).
- 17. Throughout the relevant period, Plaintiff and other employees who were similarly situated were non-exempt covered employees entitled to the protections of the FLSA.
- 18. Throughout the relevant period, the Defendant were covered employers, subject to the provisions of the FLSA, and were not exempt from providing FLSA overtime benefits for any reason.
- 19. The foregoing conduct, as alleged, constitutes a willful violation of the FLSA within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 255(a) because the Defendant violated Plaintiff's rights as an employee even after Plaintiff brought this to their attention on multiple occasions.
- 20. Due to the Defendant's FLSA violations, Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Defendant their unpaid overtime compensation, an additional amount equal to liquidated damages, additional liquidated damages for unreasonably delayed payment of wages, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of this action, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).

21. Plaintiff was retaliated against and terminated for demanding payment of the overtime hours that he worked, reported and was entitled to be paid for.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendant and respectfully requests the following relief:

- a. Damages, including but not limited to interest, liquidated damages, and counsel fees in the amounts due Plaintiff, and others similarly situated, for compensation;
- b. Equitable relief in the form of an order directing the Defendant to comply with the Fair Labor Standards Act and Pennsylvania Wage Payment and Collection Law; and
- c. Such other and further relief as this Court deems proper.

COUNT II

Violation of The Pennsylvania Wage Payment and Collection Law, Act of 1961, P.L. 637, No. 329

- 22. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs as if set forth more fully at length herein.
- 23. At all times relevant, the Defendant employed Plaintiff for work weeks of forty (40) hours to which Plaintiff performed said duties in a timely manner to the best of his abilities.
- 24. At all times relevant, Plaintiff was an employee of the Defendant and entitled to pay on a regular basis.
 - 25. Defendants had knowledge of the hours that Plaintiff worked during his tenure.
- 26. Defendants deprived the Plaintiff of pay for the hours worked as enumerated *supra*.
 - 27. Defendants have violated the Pennsylvania Wage Payment and Collection Law,

Act of 1961, P.L. 637, No. 329 by failing to make timely payments in the form of a proper pay check for the hours properly worked by the Plaintiff on the payday as required.

- 28. The Defendant set the pay days for the Plaintiff at the time of hiring.
- 29. None of the wages claimed are considered fringe benefits, but rather hourly wages due and owed.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendant and respectfully requests the following relief:

- a. Lost wages, as well as compensatory and back pay damages to the fullest extent permitted under state law;
- b. Litigation costs, expenses, and attorney's fees to the fullest extent permitted under state law;
- c. Civil penalties as provided under the law;
- d. Treble damages as provided under the law;
- e. Interest for monies not paid; and
- f. Such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

COUNT III

Retaliation in Violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C § 201 et seq

- 30. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs as if set forth more fully at length herein.
- 31. At all times relevant, Defendants employed Plaintiff and persons similarly situated, for work weeks in excess of forty (40) hours.
- 32. At all times relevant, Plaintiff and the other similarly situated persons were not exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (FLSA) and were therefore entitled to

payment for time and a half for hours worked in excess of forty (40) in a work week.

33. During Plaintiff's employment, he became aware that the Defendant was not

paying overtime hours, and when they were they were, were not paying the correct amount.

34. The Defendant - by and through its officers, employees, and agents - knew

or had reason to know that this conduct was taking place.

35. Plaintiff was terminated for addressing the issues of non-payment with his

Supervisors.

36. The retaliatory acts by Defendant, which included terminating Plaintiff's

employment, were not in compliance with anti-retaliation provisions and standards of the FLSA.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendant and respectfully

requests the following relief:

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b. Litigation costs, expenses, and attorney's fees to the fullest extent permitted under

state law; and

c. Such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 11, 2019